

## WHY WORSHIP HERE?

(Acts 2:36-41)

### INTRODUCTION

People desire to belong to a religious group for various reasons:

desire for spiritual authority in their lives, desire to find inward peace,  
and desire for social needs in their lives.

In America, the choice is varied; just look at the Directory of Churches.

People chose a specific church for different reasons:

convenience (the building is close to home), family background (it's the religion I grew up with), personal preference (I like the programs offered), friendship (friends attend), or here is a group that follows the Bible more than any other that I've found.

The slogan "attend the church of your choice" is American; it is not Biblical.

(Acts 2:36-42)

Now, it is possible to find a group of people who worship as the Bible describes.

## WHY DO I WORSHIP HERE?

### **1. Because the Bible is our only authority for our belief and practice.**

(John 12:48-49; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19)

### **2. Because of the name we wear.**

The new name was prophesied: (Isaiah 56:5; Isaiah 62:2)

The new name is identified in the NT: (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16)

As a group, a Biblical name is: (Rms. 16:16) "... the churches of Christ salute you"

### **3. Because the preacher does not use the titles "reverend" or "pastor."**

"Pastor" does have reference to one who tends a flock, a shepherd.

This is a synonym for a group of men in the Bible also known as: elders, bishops, presbyters, overseers.

(1 Peter 5:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:14; Acts 20:17, v28)

"Reverend" is used in the Bible to describe God's name: (Psalm 111:9)

### **4. Because of the manner of the worship assembly: (Acts 2:42)**

Giving (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). Lord's supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-34).

Praying. Singing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16-17). Preaching.

### **5. Because of the Bible teaching on salvation.**

## DOES IT REALLY MATTER? (Matt. 15:3) "transgress" (v9) "in vain do they worship"